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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN POLITICAL SITUATION

1. SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO JOURNALISTIC SOURCE, ACTING  
PNA PRESIDENT HAS SAID THAT PRIME MINISTER HAS MADE A  
NEW PROPOSAL TO PNA LEADERS FOR A POLITICAL SOLUTION  
THAT INCLUDES NEW NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS AND  
AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT HEADED BY BHUTTO. PAKISTAN PRESS  
REPORTS ACTIVITIES OF EMISSARIES OF THE RULERS OF SAUDI  
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ARABIA AND UAE, WHOM PNA LEADERS SAY THEY WOULD TRUST TO  
GUARANTEE IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY AGREEMENT THEY REACH WITH  
THE PRIME MINISTER. PNA LEADERS REMAIN PUBLICLY ADAMANT  
ABOUT ANY DEALS WITH THE PM. MEANWHILE, GOVERNMENT FORCES  
ARE VISIBLE THROUGHOUT RAWALPINDI TO PREVENT THE PLANNED  
APRIL 30 MARCH ON THE PM'S HOUSE. THE CITY IS TENSE AND  
REPORTS INDICATE THAT A MAIN STREET HAS ALREADY BEEN CLOSED

WITH A BLAZING BUS. END SUMMARY.

2. A JOURNALISTIC SOURCE HAS TOLD US THAT ACTING PNA PRESIDENT, PIR OF PAGANO, IN OFF-THE-RECORD STATEMENT SAID THAT PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO HAS PRESENTED PNA LEADERS WITH A NEW PROPOSAL THAT INCLUDES (A) NEW, SIMULTANEOUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS, AND (B) FORMATION OF AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT THAT INCLUDES PNA REPRESENTATION BUT RETAINS BHUTTO AT THE TOP. JOURNALIST WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY OTHER PARTICULARS OF THE PROPOSAL AND WE HAVE NOT HAD THIS REPORT CONFIRMED.

3. PAKISTANI NEWSPAPERS APRIL 30 DISCUSS THE PRESENCE OF TWO ARAB EMISSARIES -- ONE REPRESENTING KING KHALID OF SAUDI ARABIA AND ANOTHER THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF UAE, WHO IS IN PAKISTAN ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS AND HAS PROLONGED HIS STAY. THEY HAVE MET WITH PNA PRESIDENT MUFTI MAHMOOD AT SIHALA REST HOUSE DURING THE PAST TWO DAYS.

4. PIR OF PAGARO MET WITH REPORTERS APRIL 29 AND MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS. (A) IF THE PNA AND THE PRIME MINISTER STRIKE A DEAL KING KHALID AND SHEIKH ZAYED WILL GUARANTEE ITS IMPLEMENTATION. HE SAID THAT MUFTI MAHMOOD TOLD HIM THAT IF THE TWO ARAB LEADERS GUARANTEE THAT THE PM WILL IMPLEMENT AN AGREEMENT, THE PNA IS PREPARED TO RESPECT THE GUARANTEE; BUT HE TOLD THE EMISSARIES ABOUT "THE BITTER EXPERIENCES AND DIFFICULTIES IN THE PAST" THAT THE OPPOSITION HAS HAD REGARDING AGREEMENTS WITH THE PM. (SIGNIFICANTLY, PIR SAHIB ADDED THAT THE PNA HAS NOT DEMANDED THAT THE PM GIVE THEM CONFIDENTIAL

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HIS PROPOSALS IN WRITING AND THAT BHUTTO DOES NOT WANT THE PNA TO ANSWER HIS PROPOSALS IN WRITING.) (B) THE SAUDI EMISSARY MET MUFTI ON APRIL 28 AND GAVE HIM A VERBAL MESSAGE FROM KING KHALID, WHILE THE UAE FOREIGN MINISTER MET MUFTI THE FOLLOWING DAY. (PAK PRESS ADDS THAT UAE FOREIGN MINISTER AL-SUWEIDI ARRIVED IN PAKISTAN ON APRIL 28 WITH A MESSAGE FOR BHUTTO FROM SHEIKH ZAYED.) (C) PIR SAHIB MET PNA LEADERS APRIL 29 AT SIHALA FOR THE FOURTH CONSECUTIVE DAY AND ANNOUNCED THAT THE PNA IS DETERMINED TO STICK TO ITS STAND. HE CLAIMED THAT THE PNA HAS NOT MADE AN APPEAL FOR RECONCILIATION BY ANY FRIENDLY ARAB COUNTRY AND THAT PNA LEADERS DO NOT KNOW IF ANYONE ELSE HAS MADE SUCH AN APPEAL, OR WHETHER THE ARAB LEADERS HAVE ACTED ON THEIR OWN. (D) MUFTI TOLD PIR SAHIB THAT IF THE PNA ATTITUDE SOFTENS, IT WILL BE A RESULT OF THE RECONCILIATORY EFFORTS OF THE ARAB EMISSARIES. (E) PIR OF PAGARO TOLD REPORTERS HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT THE ARABS ARE PROPOSING, BUT ADDED THAT BOTH EMISSARIES HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR SYMPATHY WITH THE PNA POSITION. (F) THE PNA'S LEGAL ADVISERS HAVE

STILL NOT ALL ARRIVED AT SIHALA--ONLY ZAHUR-UL-HAQ, A BARRISTER, IS THERE TO ADVISE THEM. THREE OTHERS MUST BE PRESENT BEFORE PNA LEADERS WILL PREPARE THEIR ANSWER TO THE PM'S PROPOSALS.

5. MEANWHILE, RAWALPINDI REMAINS TENSE, ANTICIPATING THE MARCH ON THE PM'S HOUSE CALLED FOR APRIL 30. POLICE, FEDERAL SECURITY FORCE, FRONTIER CONSTABULARY, AND PAK ARMY UNITS ARE VISIBLY PRESENT THROUGHOUT THE CITY. DURING EARLY AFTERNOON APRIL 30, A BUS HAD BEEN SET AFIRE ON MURREE ROAD AND THE ROAD HAS BEEN CLOSED. AN EMBASSY EMPLOYEE REPORTED THE ARMY HAS DUG TRENCH EMBLEMENTS IN FRONT OF A HOSPITAL ON THE SAME ROAD. APRIL 29 BBC URDU BROADCAST STATED THAT PLANS FOR MARCH ON PINDI HAD BEEN CHANGED AND THAT PNA URGED PEOPLE TO MEET ON GRAND TRUNK ROAD OUTSIDE THE CITY. EMBOFF WHO TRAVELED TO ISLAMABAD FROM PESHAWAR APRIL 29 NOTED FIVE ROADBLOCKS BETWEEN ATTOCK BRIDGE AND ISLAMABAD. HE SAW NUMEROUS VEHICLES DETAINED AT EACH. PIR OF PAGARO TOLD REPORTERS APRIL 29  
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THAT THE PNA GENERAL COUNCIL MET APRIL 29 IN A RAWALPINDI MILL. HE SAID POLICE STAGED A RAID AND ARRESTED FIVE OF THE SIXTEEN MEMBERS. THE COUNCIL WILL MEET AGAIN ON APRIL 30.  
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